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give Notice to them to make such Returns, and to the Constables requiring their Attendance at such Meetings.

the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor, or for any other Purpose within and during the Year ending at *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and three, shall be, to deliver to them respectively the Returns to the several Matters and Things in this Act contained, and stated in the Schedule to this Act annexed; and Two or more of the said Justices shall and they are hereby required to cause Notice to be given to such Overseers to make such Returns respectively, within their respective Jurisdictions, and also to the High Constables, and where there are no High Constables, to such other proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from Justices of the Peace within such respective Jurisdictions, at least Six Days before the Day of such Meeting or Meetings respectively, requiring their Attendance at such Meeting or Meetings for the Purposes of this Act.

Overseers to whom Schedules are delivered, shall call upon the proper Officers of Houses of Industry or Workhouses for Assistance in filling them up, which they shall do under Penalty, and shall compute the Share of the common Expence of incorporated Houses of Industry, *etc.* and the Number of Persons belonging to each distinct Place in the Year ending *Easter* 1803, *etc.*

II. And be it further enacted, That in Cases where there shall be a House of Industry or Workhouse, belonging to any Parish or Place, whether separately and distinctly for One Parish or Place, or conjointly with any other Parish or Place, or Parishes or Places incorporated therewith, the Overseer to whom the said Schedule shall be delivered is hereby required to call on the Governor or other proper Officer of such House of Industry or Workhouse, for his Aid and Assistance in properly filling up and completing the said Schedule; and such Governor or other proper Officer is hereby required, under the Penalties herein recited, to afford to the said Overseer all necessary Information for properly filling up and completing such Parts of the said Schedule as shall relate to such House of Industry or Workhouse; and the Governor or other proper Officer of any incorporated House of Industry or Workhouse is further required to compute the Share of the Common Expence thereof, and the Number of Persons belonging to each distinct Parish or Place within the said Year ending *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and three, and to examine whether such Particulars relating to the House of Industry or Workhouse be properly entered in the aforesaid Schedule, when attested by such Governor or other proper Officer of the House of Industry or Workhouse, conjointly with the Overseer of the Poor, before the Justices of the Peace, at their Meeting or Meetings to be held for the Purposes of this Act.

Justices at Meetings to receive Returns, and administer Oaths contained in this Act to the Overseers, *etc.* and may examine them upon Oath, and call for original Accounts; and shall attest Returns when complete, and deliver them to the High Constable, *&c.* in order to their being trans-

III. And be it further enacted, That any Two or more of the said Justices of the Peace shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required, at such Meeting or Meetings so to be appointed as aforesaid, to receive and take the Returns to be made by the Overseers of the Poor, and the Governors or other Officers of such Houses of Industry or Workhouses, as aforesaid, in Writing signed by themselves, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and then and there administer to them respectively the Oaths contained in this Act; and such Justices are hereby authorized, if they shall see Cause, to examine such Overseers, Governors, or other Officers aforesaid, upon Oath, touching any of the Matters contained in such Returns respectively, and to call for the original Accounts of such Overseers, Governors, or other Officers aforesaid, if they shall see fit, in order to explain and verify the said Returns as shall be then made, and the said Justices shall sign and attest such Returns at the Foot of the same without Fee, when, on Inspection, the same shall appear to them to be complete, and deliver such Returns so signed and attested, to the

the respective High Constables or other proper Officers as aforesaid, in order that the same may be by them transmitted to the Clerks of the Peace or Town Clerks as herein is directed.

mitted to the Clerk of the Peace.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said High Constables or other proper Officers, within the respective Jurisdictions aforesaid, for the Time being, shall receive from the said Clerks of the Peace or Town Clerks, a printed Copy of the Schedule to this Act annexed, and deliver or cause to be delivered out One of each such Schedules to One of the Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Township, or Place, within their respective Limits, as well within Towns Corporate as without, before the Twentieth Day of *August* now next ensuing, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and when required by the respective Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, attend the said Meeting or Meetings, and then and there receive the several Returns made by the said Overseers, Governors, or other Officers as aforesaid, and indorse upon the Back of each of them the Name of the Hundred, Rape, Wapentake, Lathe, Precinct, Soke, Franchise, Liberty, City, or Town Corporate, wherein the said Parish, Township, or Place therein mentioned is situate, and transmit the same to the several Clerks of the Peace, and Town Clerks, at the *Michaelmas* Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in the Year One thousand eight hundred and three, or some Adjournment or Adjournments thereof (which Adjournment and Adjournments the Justices at such Quarter Sessions are required to make to some convenient Day within Forty Days after the said *Michaelmas* Quarter Sessions, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and three, and from Time to Time as often as shall be necessary, to some other convenient Days within Ten Days from the preceding Day of Adjournment in all Cases where such Returns shall not be made at the said *Michaelmas* Quarter Sessions, and until full and complete Returns shall be made) upon Pain of Forfeiture for every Default and Neglect in the Matters aforesaid, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Five Pounds, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom Complaint thereof shall be made.

High Constables, *etc.* shall receive from the Clerks of the Peace a printed Copy of the Schedule, and deliver One to the Overseers of every Place within their Limits; and, when required, attend Meetings and receive Returns, and transmit them to the Clerks of the Peace, on Penalty for Default.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of every such Parish, Township, and Place, having such Rates as aforesaid in their Possession, and One or more of the Governors or other Officers having the Care or Management of any such House of Industry, or Workhouse, for any such Parish, Township, or Place, shall, and they hereby required to attend the Justices of the Peace at such Meeting or Meetings which shall be so appointed; and then and there deliver to the said Justices in Writing, signed by them, a just and true Account upon Oath as herein directed, according to their respective Knowledge of the same, of the total Amount of all and every Sum and Sums of Money raised and expended by them respectively, for or on Account of the Poor within the respective Districts, Parishes, Townships, or Places for the said Year ending at *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and three during the said Year, according to the different Heads of Rates levied or Disbursements mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and shall for that Purpose cause the Total of such Disbursements for such Year to be divided and classed under such different Heads of Disbursements accordingly; and shall also at such Meeting or Meetings deliver in like Manner a true and just Account upon Oath, of the Number

Overseers of the Poor and Governors, *etc.* of Houses of Industry or Workhouses to attend the Justices at their Meetings, and deliver Accounts upon Oath, containing sundry Particulars as stated in annexed Schedule, and, if required, the Assessments and the Account of Expences respecting the Poor.

Number of poor Perſons who ſhall have been admitted, or received Relief during ſuch Year, within the reſpective Houſes of Induſtry, or Workhouſes, or otherwiſe in the reſpective Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places aforeſaid, as ſtated in the Schedule to this Act annexed; and ſhall reſpectively fill up the Blanks and other Spaces in ſuch Schedule, with the ſeveral Matters required to be returned by this Act, according to the Truth of the Caſe; and ſhall alſo at the ſame Time produce to the ſaid Juſtices, if required, the Aſſeſſments under which the Money was collected, and the Accounts of all Expences reſpecting the Poor for the ſaid Year, for their Inſpection and Examination; and that every Overſeer, Governor, and other Officer aforeſaid making Default in any of the Matters hereby required, ſhall, for every ſuch Neglect and Default, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Penalty for Default.

Penalty for concealing any Matter, or making any falſe Returns.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Overſeer, Governor, or Perſon required to make any ſuch Return or Returns as aforeſaid, ſhall conceal any Matter or Matters directed to be enquired into by the ſaid Schedules, or either of them, or ſhall knowingly or wilfully make a falſe or imperfect Return, every ſuch Overſeer, Governor, or Perſon ſo offending, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in *England*, in the Counties Palatine of *Lancaſter*, *Cheſter*, and *Durham*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in thoſe Counties, or either of them reſpectively, or in the Great Seſſions in the Principality of *Wales*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in *Wales*.

Rewards to Clerks of the Peace, High Conſtables, *etc.* Overſeers, *etc.* excluſive of travelling Expences; Clerks of Juſtices, *&c.*

VII. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be paid and allowed for the Trouble and Expences of the ſeveral Perſons employed in the Tranſactions aforeſaid, for every Return which ſhall be ſo made and tranſmitted to the Clerks of the Peace, and Town Clerks reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, the Sums following, and no more; *videlicet*, to the Clerk of the Peace, or Town Clerk, for the Return which ſhall be made in reſpect of every Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; to the High Conſtable, or other proper Officer, for the like, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; to the Overſeers of the Poor, Governors, or other Officers of Houſes of Induſtry, or Workhouſes, for the like, a Sum not leſs than Two Shillings and Sixpence each and not exceeding Ten Shillings and Sixpence each, excluſive of their travelling Expences, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtices who ſhall approve of the Returns; to the Clerks of the Juſtices of the Peace, for the like, the Sum of One Shilling; and that the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, at their reſpective Quarter Seſſions, which ſhall be held next after the *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and four, ſhall and are hereby required to make an Order upon their reſpective Treaſurers to pay the ſame out of the Rates to be made and collected for the reſpective Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Precincts, Sokes, Franchiſes, Liberties, Cities, and Towns Corporate.

Juſtices to make an Order for Payment out of Rates.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this Act, ſhall, unleſs otherwiſe directed by this Act, if not immediately

immediately paid, be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace, having Juriſdiction where ſuch Offender ſhall dwell, rendering to the ſaid Offender the Overplus (if any) after the Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale ſhall be deducted; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, then it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for a Term not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, unleſs the ſaid Forfeiture and Charges ſhall be ſooner paid; and the ſaid Forfeitures when recovered ſhall be paid and applied One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the ſaid reſpective Treaſurers, in Aid of the Rates aforeſaid; and any Perſon ſhall be deemed a competent Witneſs for the Execution of any of the Purpoſes of this Act, notwithſtanding his paying or being liable to pay to ſuch County Rates.

Juſtices before whom Returns ſhall be made, ſhall adminiſter to the Party the following Oaths.

IX. And be it further enacted, That any Juſtice of the Peace aforeſaid, before whom any Return ſhall be made in purſuance of this Act, by any Overſeer of the Poor or other Perſon aforeſaid, ſhall and he is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter to ſuch Overſeer or other Perſon aforeſaid, the following Oaths, (or, being of the People called *Quakers*, Affirmations), *videlicet*:

'YOU ſwear [*or* affirm,] That the Return [*or* Part of the Return,] made by you, contains, to the beſt of your Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions contained in the Schedule of the Act intituled, *An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in* England.

'So help you GOD.'

'YOU ſhall true Anſwer make to all ſuch Queſtions as ſhall be demanded of you touching theſe your Returns relative to the Poor of the Pariſh [*or* Townſhip,] of [*or* of the incorporated Pariſhes under your Care, *as the Caſe may be*] as far as the ſame is within your Knowledge.

'So help you GOD.'

Which Oaths ſhall be taken by the Party on the Holy Evangeliſts in the uſual Manner of adminiſtering Oaths.

Perſons making falſe Oaths ſhall be liable to the Penalties for Perjury.

X. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully and corruptly make a falſe Oath, touching any of the Matters contained in this Act, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

A ſufficient Number of printed Copies of this Act and the Schedule ſhall be tranſmitted by His

XI. And be it enacted, That a ſufficient Number of printed Copies of this Act, and alſo of the Schedule hereunto annexed, ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing thereof, be tranſmitted by His Majeſty's Printer to the Clerks of the Peace of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Precincts, Sokes, Franchiſes, and Liberties in

Majeſty's Printer to the Clerks of the Peace, who ſhall cauſe the Acts to be diſtributed to the acting Juſtices, and Copies of the Schedule to be delivered to the High Conſtables, &c.

in *England* and *Wales*; and that the ſaid ſeveral Clerks of the Peace ſhall and they are hereby required, with all convenient Speed, to cauſe the ſaid Act to be diſtributed among all and every the acting Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Limits, and alſo a ſufficient Number of the Schedules to this Act annexed, to be delivered to the High Conſtables or other proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from ſuch Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Limits, and which ſaid Clerks of the Peace ſhall alſo cauſe a ſufficient Number of ſuch Copies of this Act and Schedule reſpectively to be delivered to the Town Clerks or other proper Officers of every City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, in which Quarter Seſſions of the Peace are uſually holden, ſituate in the County, Riding, or Diviſion, for which the ſaid Clerks of the Peace ſhall reſpectively act, to be by the ſaid Town Clerks reſpectively diſtributed in like Manner among the acting Juſtices of the Peace in every ſuch City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, and among the proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from ſuch Juſtices of ſuch City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, and the ſaid Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks reſpectively ſhall alſo receive the Returns to be made purſuant to the Directions herein given, and tranſmit the ſame with a Liſt thereof, and alſo another Liſt therewith of Pariſhes or Places not having made due Returns, to His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State, with all convenient Speed, in order that an Abſtract of the ſame may be made and preſented to both Houſes of Parliament, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Neglect and Default, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor leſs than Forty Shillings, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Clerks of the Peace to tranſmit Liſt of the Returns to the Secretary of State.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

QUESTIONS to which, by Directions of an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expences and Maintenance of the Poor in* England, written Anſwers are to be returned by the Overſeer of every Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place in which Rates are ſeparately and diſtinctly made for the Relief of the Poor; and alſo by every Governor or Manager of any Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, in which any of the Poor belonging to ſuch Pariſh or Place, have been maintained during the Year ending *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and three, for which Purpoſe the Overſeer and Governor of the Workhouſe (where any) are to attend the Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Juriſdictions, on pain of incurring the Penalties impoſed by the ſaid Act, for every wilful Default or Neglect.

1. What is the Name and Deſcription of your Pariſh or Place?

In anſwer to this Queſtion, you are required to ſpecify the Name of the Place, ſpelled in the moſt uſual Manner; and alſo whether it be a Pariſh or Part of any Pariſh, and in the latter Caſe ſpecifying whether it be uſually called a Tything, Townſhip, or by what other Name, and in what Pariſh, and in what Hundred, or other uſual Diviſion of your County it is ſituate.

2. What was the total Amount of Money raiſed within the Year ending *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and three, by Poors Rate, and any other Rate or Rates?

3. At what Rate in the Pound for that Year?

4. What was the total Amount of Money expended in that Year for the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor, diſtinguiſhing Money expended out of the Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, and Money expended in the Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, if any?

If no Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, write the Words "No Workhouſe" in the proper Columns throughout the Schedule.

If there be a Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe in which any Poor of your Pariſh or Place are maintained, inform the Governor or proper Officer

Officer thereof, that he is required under pain of the Penalties of this Act, to enable you to fill up and complete the proper Column, to the Truth of the Contents of which and of every other Column relating to the Workouſe, he is to make Atteſtation upon Oath before the Juſtices of the Peace, according to the Directions of this Act.

5. What was the total Amount of Money expended in that Year in Suits of Law, Removal of Paupers, and Expences of Overſeers, or other Officers employed therein?

6. What was the total Amount of Money expended in that Year for all other Purpoſes, except thoſe expreſſed in the Two laſt Queſtions including herein, any Church Rate, County Rate, Highway, or Militia Charges, *etc. etc.*?

7. What was the total Amount of Money expended in that Year?

In Anſwer to this Queſtion you are required to take Care, that the Amount be the Total of the Three Columns marked 4, 5, 6, or to explain on the Schedule why it does not agree therewith.

8. What was the total Amount of Money expended in that Year in purchaſing Materials for employing the Poor; diſtinguiſhing Money ſo expended out of the Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, and Money ſo expended in the Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, and herein making Application to the Governor or other Officer thereof, as directed in Queſtion 4?

9. What was the total Amount of Money earned by the Labour of the Poor towards their Maintenance in that Year, and as ſuch accounted for to your Pariſh or Place?

10. What was the Number of Perſons relieved from the Poors Rate permanently throughout that Year; diſtinguiſhing Perſons ſo relieved out of the Houſe, and Perſons ſo relieved in the Houſe, but not including any Children whoſe Parents have been permanently relieved out of the Houſe?

11. What was the Number of the Children of the aforeſaid Perſons permanently relieved out of the Houſe; diſtinguiſhing thoſe under Five Years of Age, and thoſe between Five and Fourteen Years of Age?

12. What was the Number of Perſons relieved occaſionally in that Year?

13. What was the total Number of Perſons relieved who were above Sixty Years of Age, or diſabled from Labour by permanent Illneſs or other Infirmity?

14. What was the Number of Perſons relieved in that Year who were not Pariſhioners?

15. What Friendly Societies hold their uſual Meetings in your Pariſh or Place?

16. What

16. What is the Number of Members in the ſaid Societies, including Members not belonging to your Pariſh or Place, as well as thoſe belonging to it?

17. What Number of Children are now educating in any School of Induſtry in your Pariſh or Place?

Concerning this Queſtion, ſpecify further Particulars as informed by the Patrons or Promoters of ſuch School, and annex a Paper containing ſuch Particulars to this Schedule in any convenient Manner.

18. Are there any Matters which you think it neceſſary to remark in Explanation of your Anſwers to any of the preceding Queſtions?

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Name and Description of each Parish or Place.	Total Money raised within the Year ending *Easter* 1803 by the Poor Rates or other Rate or Rates.	At what Rate in the Pound for that Year.	Total Money expended in that Year for the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor.		Expenditure in Suits of Law, Removal of Paupers, and Journies and Expences of Overseers or other Officers;	Expenditure for any other Purposes, Church Rate, County Rate, Highways, Militia, &c.	Total Expenditure of the Parish or Place within the Year ending *Easter* 1803.	Money expended in purchasing Materials for employing the Poor.	
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I, *A. B.* Overseer, and I, *C. D.* Governor or Manager of the House of Industry or Workhouse contains, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Answer to the Questions *and Maintenance of the Poor in* England.

Sworn [*or* affirmed] before us Justices of the Peace in and for the of this

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ney earned by the abour of the Poor wards their Maintenance, and accounted for to the arish or Place.		Number of Persons relieved from the Poors Rate permanently, not including Children of such Persons.		Number of Children of Persons relieved permanently.		Number of Persons relieved occasionally.	Number of Persons relieved who are above 60 Years of Age, or disabled from Labour by permanent Illness, or other Infirmity.	Number of Persons relieved, who were not Parishioners.	Number of Friendly Societies who hold their usual Meetings within your Parish or Place, if any.	Number of Members in the said Societies, including Members not belonging to your Parish or Place, as well as those belonging to it.	Number of Children in any School of Industry in your Parish or Place.
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of the of in the County of do ſwear [*or*, affirm] That the above Return contained in the Schedule of an Act intituled, *An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expence*

Signed Overſeer

of the Houſe of Induſtry.

Day of One thouſand eight hundred and three.

Signed

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